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I thought it was love  
You gave me a satin  
Wedding from my flat dream magazine  
Later tied the sash at the back  
Of my yellow dress  
Then bent my head  
For an aching pink strand of pearls  
At the dinner table you slowly  
Moved my chair in as if I were a child  
Such charm was ether  
My worries fell like petals at my feet  
Picking one up I felt infinite luck  
So pure and white with the snap  
Of my last hung linen sheet  
Now weakened by chemo I looked  
Into the glare of my hospital window  
I had fuzz on my head like a little old man  
The nurses whispered behind masks  
I tapped lime jello to test my appetite  
I asked you one evening  
To bring over my zebra slippers  
You said there had been a glitch at work  
Tired, *Masterpiece Theater* was on  
I knew then I could leave you

-Judith Levison  
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